



# U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr., Chairman

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## **Sensenbrenner: House Approves Legislation Completing PATRIOT Act Reauthorization**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The House today by a 280-to-138 margin approved legislation that will complete Congress’s consideration of the PATRIOT Act reauthorization by making 3 changes to the House-Senate compromise conference report adopted by the House in December by a 251-to-174 margin and last week by an 89-to-10 vote in the Senate.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (R-Wis.), the sponsor of the original and reauthorization PATRIOT Act legislation, stated, “The PATRIOT Act has become a critical tool in America’s law enforcement arsenal and a vital deterrent against terrorist subversion. It has made Americans safer, safeguarded our civil liberties, and upheld our constitutional values.”

“The Justice Department and other agencies have properly utilized the PATRIOT Act to detect, disrupt and dismantle terrorist cells in New York, Virginia and Oregon before they strike. The PATRIOT Act also has helped tear down the pre-9/11 ‘wall’ that prevented law enforcement and intelligence agencies from sharing critical information necessary to avert terrorist attacks on American soil,” added Chairman Sensenbrenner.

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